1487. *{Transferred to the 9th May,* 1989].

Gas and Oil Producing Areas in the Country

1488. SHRI MOTURU HANUMANTHA RAO. Win the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the gas and oil producing potential areas in the country;

Cb) what is the quantum of oil and gas each area can yied;

(c) how many ONGC offices are carrying out the production and exploration work; and

(d) whether any such office is proposed to be set up in Krishna Godavari basin?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT), (a) At present oil and gas is being produced in the following basins/ areas in the country: —

— Assam

— Cambay (Gujarat)

— Bombay Offshore

— Krishna-Godavari

— Cauvery

— Tripura

— Arunachal Pradesh

The following basins | areas have been identified as potential for hydrocarbons:—

Onland:

Assam-Arakan

Himalayan Foot Hills and Ganga Valley

Rajasthan

Bengal

Offshore:

Kutch-Saurashtra

Kerala-Konkan

Orissa, North East Coast

Andaman—Nicobar

(b) The exact quantum of sccumulation of hydrocarbon from the potential areas will be known only after these areas are fully explored.

(c) ONGC has six regional business centres in the country which control the production/exploration work in their respective areas of operations.

(d) A project office of ONGC is already functioning at Rajamundry for coordination/control of all the operations in Krishna-Godavari basin (Onland and Offshore) .

Daily hilling capacity and distribution of cooking gas cylinders in Andhra Pradesh

1489. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what *h* the present per day filling capacity of cooking gas cylinders in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) what is the per day distribution of cooking gas cylinders in that State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a). The present LPG bottling capacity in Andhra Pradesh is about 56.250 cylindersjday.

(b) Approximately 32,900 cylinders) day are distributed in Andhra Pradesh.